

The Central Advisory Committee on combating Child Prostitution headed by Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India reviews the State's activities in combating trafficking and prostitution every quarter. The Ministry of Women and Child Development also runs Swadhar Shelter Homes which provide shelter, food, clothing, emotional support, counselling, rehabilitation and other facilities to sex workers including children.

Prime Minister's Mission on Development of Women and Children

1321. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mid-term Appraisal of Tenth Five Year Plan consists the recommendations such as Prime Minister's Mission on Development of Women and Children;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken to implement the above recommendations;

(c) if so, whether the draft approval paper of the Eleventh Five Year Plan consists the above recommendations;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) No decision has been taken for constitution of a Prime Minister's Mission on Development of Women and Children.

Under nourishment of children

1322. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the Integrated Child Development Services

(ICDS) data, more than 50 per cent of children in the age group 0-6 years in anganwadis in different States are under nourished;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to improve the condition of children in anganwadis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) As per the Quarterly Progress Report (as on 31-3-2006) received from the State Government/UT Administrations under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, 49.61% (34.65% in Grade-I plus 14.96% in Grade-II) are moderately malnourished and remaining 0.60% are severely malnourished.

(c) The problem of malnutrition is multi-sectoral and inter-generational in nature which needs to be tackled through holistic coordinated interventions in areas of food security, health, sanitation and safe drinking water, nutrition, family welfare and poverty alleviation.

(d) The steps taken in the recent past to increase the effectiveness of the delivery of services under the ICDS Scheme include:

- ❖ Operationalization of Projects/AWCs sanctioned in the IXth Plan.
- ❖ Expansion of the Scheme to 466 ICDS Projects and 1.88 lakh anganwadi centres.
- ❖ Doubling of financial norms for supplementary nutrition from Re. 1/- to Rs. 2/- per beneficiary per day.
- ❖ Sharing of 50% cost of supplementary nutrition with the States/UTs.
- ❖ Constant emphasis on States to:
 - Ensure regular supply of supplementary nutrition as per schematic norms;

- Ensure delivery of other services viz. immunization, health check-up, referral services, nutrition and health education and pre-primary education through effective convergence with the Schemes/Programmes of Ministry of Health, Education and Rural Development (Drinking Water Supply).

As a result of these measures number of operational Projects and AWCs has gone up from 4608 and 5.45 lakh as on 31.3.2002 to 569 and 7.48 lakh respectively as on 31.3.2006. Number of beneficiaries of supplementary nutrition has also gone up from 375.09 lakh to 562.18 lakh during the same period.

Performance of Anganwadi Scheme

1323. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are satisfied with its anganwadi scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor alongwith the places where these kendras are functioning, State-wise;
- (c) the funds earmarked and spent on this scheme by Government and the number of people likely to be benefited thereby;
- (d) the number of anganwadi kendras being run in the country and the number of children enrolled with these kendras at present with special references to Maharashtra;
- (e) whether the existing anganwadi scheme meant for children is going on properly; and
- (f) if not, the steps being taken by Government to ensure the smooth functioning of these kendras?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a), (b) and (e) The impact of the Scheme has been significant in improving the health and nutritional status of the beneficiaries as brought out by various studies viz. National Evaluation on ICDS Scheme [National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD)-1992]; ICDS Survey, Evaluation and Research 1975-95 [Central Technical Committee on Integrated Mother and Child Development—1996]; National Evaluation of ICDS Scheme [National Council of Applied